

**OVERALL  
CASELOAD  
STATISTICS**

**EXPLANATION OF THE JUDICIAL CASELOAD  
PROFILES (OVERALL)  
FOR UNITED STATES COURTS OF APPEALS**

<b>A P P E A L S</b>	Total		<b>APPEALS ON THE GENERAL DOCKET</b>	Total appeals filed, including reopened and reinstated appeals	
	Prisoner			Civil filings comprising state and federal prisoner petitions only	
	Other			All other civil filings, original proceedings, and bankruptcy reviews	
	Criminal			All criminal appeals	
	Administrative			All petitions to review administrative agency decisions and applications for enforcement	
	Percent Change in Total Filings - Current Year		Over Last Year	Percentage change in total filings for current year over previous year	
		Over Earlier Years	Percentage change in total filings for current year over prior two, three, four, and five years		
<b>T E R M I N A T E D</b>	Total		<b>APPEALS ON THE GENERAL DOCKET</b>	Total cases disposed of	
	Consolidations & Cross Appeals			Includes cross appeals and appeals terminated through consolidation with a lead case (the lead case will be included below as applicable)	
	Procedural			Includes all dispositions (with and without judicial action) not based on the merits of the case	
	<b>ON THE MERITS</b>	Total		Total dispositions by panels based on the merits of the case	
		Prisoner		Prisoner petition dispositions based on the merits of the case	
		Other		All other civil, original proceeding, and bankruptcy dispositions based on the merits of the case	
		Criminal		Criminal dispositions based on the merits of the case	
		Administrative		Administrative agency dispositions based on the merits of the case	
Percent by Active Judges		Percent of cases terminated on the merits by active judges of the court			
<b>PENDING APPEALS</b>			Pending cases at the end of the year		
<b>A C T I O N S P E R A C T I V E J U D G E *</b>	Terminations on the Merits		Dispositions based on the merits		
	Procedural Terminations		Dispositions after judicial action not based on the merits of the case, including jurisdictional defects, voluntary dismissals, settlements, and defaults		
	<b>Written Decisions</b>	Total		Written opinions or orders in cases disposed of on the merits	
		Signed		Includes any opinion written in support of a specific decision that was authored and signed by a judge writing the majority opinion	
		Unsigned		Includes any unsigned opinion of the court that states the legal and factual elements and judgment rationale	
Without Comment		Includes any unsigned opinion/order that does not state the legal and factual elements and judgment rationale			

\*Includes only judges active during the entire 12-month period.